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SUBJ: KUWAITI VIEWS ON PDRY

1. DURING MY CALL ON KUWAITI FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD FEB 22, HE REFERRED TO RECENT VISIT TO BAHRAIN AND QATAR OF PDRY FONMIN MUHAMMAD SALIH MUTI'A AND SAID IN ADDITION ATTEMPTING OBTAIN SOME BADLY NEEDED ASSISTANCE FOR HIS COUNTRY, MUTI'A WAS ALSO PURSUING BROADER AIM OF TRYING TO GAIN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AMONG GULF STATES. SABAH IMPLIED THIS WAS GOOD THING FOR PDRY GOVT TO DO. I REPLIED BY RECALLING BAHRAINI FONMIN MOHAMED MUBARAK AL-KHALIFAH'S REMARK TO ME LAST YEAR THAT BAHRAIN NOT OPPOSED TO RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PDRY AS LONG AS ALL GULF STATES FOLLOWED SUIT; HOWEVER GOB NOT ABOUT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS. I SAID I THOUGHT BAHRAINI FONMIN WAS RIGHT. TROUBLE-MAKER LIKE PDRY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED INTO COMMUNITY OF MODERATE ARAB STATES UNTIL IT PREPARED TO ACT MORE RESPONSIBLY TOWARD ITS NEIGHBORS. LOWER GULF STATES SHOULD AGREE NOT TO RECOGNIZE ADEN REGIME UNTIL PDRY PREPARED ENTER INTO TIES WITH OMAN AS

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WELL AS BAHRAIN, QATAR AND UAE. (FONMIN SABAH OFFERED NO RE-

JOINDER BUT I HAD IMPRESSION HE DID NOT THINK PDRY SHOULD BE
PRESSED TO QUITE THAT EXTENT).

2. FONMIN SABAH SAID HE HAD CHIDED BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE
FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS ENNALS (RECENTLY HERE ON VISIT)
FOR DECLINING TO ASSIST SAUDIS CONTACT PDRY REPS IN LONDON LAST
YEAR. SABAH SAID ENNALS, AFTER REGISTERING SOME SURPRISE KUWAITIS
AWARE OF THIS SAUDI APPROACH, EXPLAINED THAT REASON BRITISH
DEMURRED WAS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN
SAUDIS AND ADENIS. SABAH SAID HE REPLIED TO ENNALS THAT BRITISH
SHOULD NEVERTHELESS HAVE BEEN MORE RESPONSIVE TO SAUDI
APPROACH; IT WAS TO WESTERN AS WELL AS MODERATE ARAB INTEREST
THAT SAUDIS AND ADENIS DEVELOP A DIALOGUE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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